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ABSTRACT:

<CHG DATE=19940730 STATUS=O> The milk drawn off by the milking cups through the action of the vacuum supplied by the pump (12) is collected in a

collecting
pipe (20) some 200 mm in diameter and serving simultaneously as a
milk pipe and
as a receiver chamber, and is sent to the milk tank (7) by the pump (6)
which
is started by a plunger (27) when the milk reaches a predetermined
level in the
pipe (20). Cleaning is by means of an internal washing pipe (30) fitted
with
sprayers (31) which send water at pressure against the inner walls of
the pipe
(20). The collecting pipe (20) and the internal cleaning pipe (30) are
advantageously constructed from modular elements, each element
being able to
take milk from, for example, three milking stations. <IMAGE>